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FUEL DISCHARGE APPARATUS HAVING A  
VAPOR REMOVAL SYSTEM, AND INTERNAL  
COMBUSTION ENGINE FUEL SUPPLY SYSTEM  
HAVING SUCH FUEL DISCHARGE APPARATUS  
(Rule 1.53(b) Continuation of International  
Application PCT/JP02/07469, Filed July 24, 2002)

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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